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SUBJECT: HMONG REPORT OF RECENT C.W. AGENT USE IN LAOS

1. REFUGEE OFFICER RECENTLY INTERVIEWED [redacted] HMONG [redacted] C.W. AGENT. KNOWLEDGABLE [redacted]

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OF SEVERAL U.S. TYPE SUPPORT AND FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

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DELIVERY METHODS.

2. [redacted] THE HELICOPTER HAD CAMOUFLAGED APPEARANCE AND WAS APPROXIMATE SIZE OF A U.S. TYPE CH-53, BUT WITH A "LONGER NOSE AND EXTENDED WING-LIKE CONFIGURATIONS NEAR CENTER OF AIRCRAFT." CIRCA 7 AND AGAIN 14 APRIL 1980, HELICOPTER MADE SINGLE TWO MINUTE PASSES AT APPROXIMATELY 800 FEET ALTITUDE OVER VICINITY OF PHOU FAI MAI, LAOS (TF 9377, APPROXIMATELY 100 B1A9

KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF VIENTIANE). [redacted] B1A9
THE FIRST PASS WAS SIX KILOMETERS FROM HIS LOCATION AT PHOU FAI MAI. IN THE SECOND INCIDENT, THE HELICOPTER PASSED ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD BEFORE BEGINNING ITS SPRAY RUN. NO AGENT COULD BE OBSERVED DURING ACTUAL DELIVERY, BUT WITHIN MINUTES AFTER HELICOPTER PASSED, PERSONS BENEATH COULD BEGIN SEEING, AND SUBSEQUENTLY FEELING, MOISTURE LIKE HEAVY MIST OR LIGHT RAIN. UPON CONTACT WITH THE GROUND, AND ON VEGETATION, THE AGENT TURNED YELLOWISH AND GAVE APPEARANCE OF WATERY, FOWL DROPPINGS.

3. [redacted] THERE WERE SEVERAL HUNDRED B1A9
HMONG IN VICINITY OF EXPOSURE. [redacted] B1A9
[redacted] SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE 14 APRIL GAS
ATTACK, AN ESTIMATED 10 HMONG DIED FROM, WHAT WAS BELIEVED
[redacted] TO BE FROM CONSUMPTION OF FOOD OR WATER B1A9
EXPOSED TO THE AGENT. THE PERSONS WHO DIED, INITIALLY BECAME NAUSEATED, BEGAN TO VOMIT, BLOOD CAME FROM THE MOUTH, AND DEATH OCCURRED WITHIN 24 HOURS.

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4. COMMENT: [redacted] B1A4

THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT WE HAVE HAD OF USE OF HELICOPTERS AS A MEANS OF GAS DELIVERY. WE HAVE NO WAY TO VALIDATE THIS REFUGEE'S REPORT, BUT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER REPORTED INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE.

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